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finding it impossible to reach the hook or even to see it, I opened his belly, and finding the perch still alive, threw it into the water. While it could not right itself and swim away, it continued for some time to paddle around in a circle.

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NOTES ON A FISH CAUGHT THREE TIMES.

The writer has on several occasions seen fishes bite on a hook when they have already been caught once.

In one instance on Upper Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks a yellow perch (*P. flavescens*) was caught, a worm being used as bait. The lower half of its tail was slightly deformed and this served as a mark of identification. As the writer was not after perch, the fish was tossed back uninjured.

Within about ten minutes it had been caught three times.

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BOX TORTOISE (*Terrapene carolina*) SWIMMING A CREEK.

On May 9th, about eight o'clock in the morning, I noticed an object moving about in Darby Creek, about a mile above Addingham. It was a few feet out from the shore, and through a pair of field-glasses was seen to be a box tortoise. At this point the creek is about fifteen to twenty yards wide, and the tortoise was headed directly for the opposite shore. It swam very slowly and laboriously, only the highest part of the carapace and the head, from just below the eyes, projecting above the surface of the water. As it moved along, it bobbed up and down. After much effort, when within a few feet of landing on the oppo-